dated August 7, 1996 has come to the attention of the Government of India, Department of Electronics.

The Department of Electronics has a number of projects which would help creation of infrastructure for information networking as well as for creation of information data base in particular relating to technologies applicable to rural and social sectors. These projects relate to computer literacy promotion in Schools, Farmer Information System, Computerisation of Land & Water Management, Spatial Information System, Geographic Information Resource Centre, Audio-Visual Media to create awareness in Rural Masses, Applied electronics for farmers & agriculture for promotion of Information Technology and instruments in agriculture and agri-marketing sectors etc.

Construction of Industrial hotel complex by DDA

3927. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi Development Authority propose to construct an Industrial Hotel Complex comprising 11 new 5 Star and 4 Star hotels in Vasant Vihar area;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons for the DDA embarking upon hotel construction in the context of experience of ITDC-Hotels going into losses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. DDA proposes to develop International Hotel Complex in Vasant Vihar area consisting of five sites for 4 Star hotels and six sites for 5 Star hotels. All the hotel sites will be disposed of as per the existing policy.

(c) As per the estimates of the Ministry of Tourism there are only 7500 hotel rooms available against the requirement of 17000 hotel rooms leaving a shortage of about 9500 hotel rooms.

Since the hotels will be constructed in the private sector on the sites to be allotted by DDA, the question of losses for DDA on account of construction of hotels does not arise.

India Habitat Centre

3928. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what was the original concept behind setting up of India Habitat Centre, New Delhi;

(b) whether there is at present a wide divergence between original concept and the final outcome; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) A statement is enclosed (*See* below)

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Question does not arise.

Statement

Concept behind setting up of India Habitat Centre, New Delhi

The India Habitat Centre is a private society, set up in 1987, registered under the Society Registration Act to deal with habitat and habitat related issues of national and international concern. The main objectives of India Habitat Centre Society as recorded in the Memorandum of Association are:—

(a) Develop an integrated physical environment in which various professions and institutions dealing with different facts of habitat and habitat related environmental issues would function, interact and attempt to resolve habitat related problems in a coordinated manner.

(b) Promote awareness in regard to habitat related environmental issues including water, air, noise and water pollution, engery and